# **The Canadian Breeding Grounds**

# **Conserving Critical Waterfowl Habitat**

FY 2016 - 2018 Proposal

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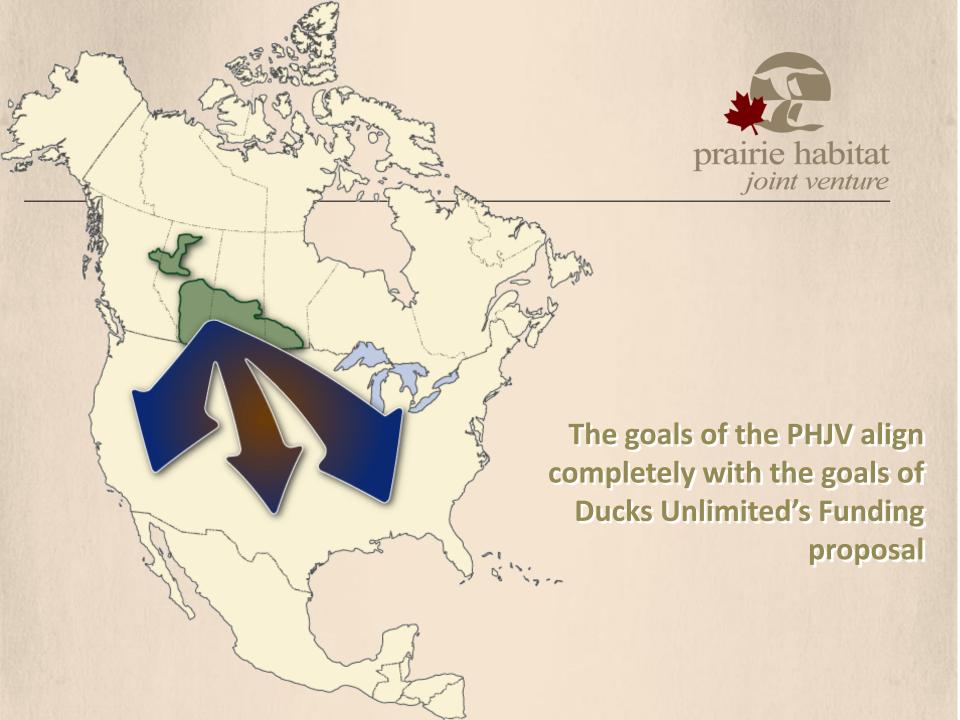
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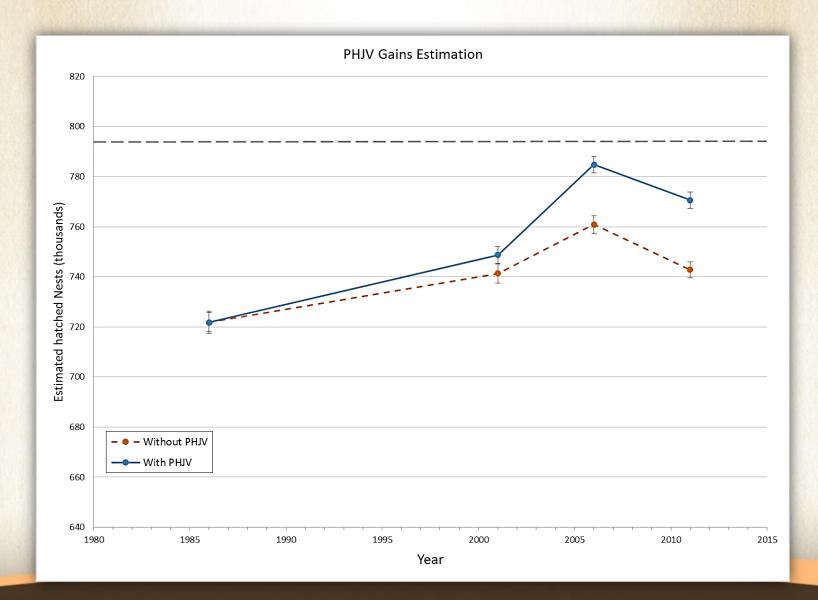
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# **FY 15 Accomplishments**

| Habitat<br>Initiative     | Goals<br>(Acres) | Proposed Costs (\$) | Achieved<br>(acres) | Program Costs<br>(\$) |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Habitat Retention         | 4000             | 2,193,750           | 7,533               | 2,450,257             |
| Wetland Restoration       | 290              | 438,750             | 141                 | 116,072               |
| Upland Restoration        | 6000             | 292,500             | 6,820               | 519,284               |
| Habitat Asset Management* | 325,000          | 975,000             | 546,131             | 829,871               |
| Total                     | 10,290           | 3,900,000           | 14,494              | 3,915,484             |



## **Conservation Need**

#### **Prairie Pothole Region**

- Continued wetland loss and degradation decreases the carrying capacity
- > Agricultural economy is driven by commodity prices
- > Cattle Industry needs support to keep grass on the ground







# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AND THE PRAIRIE POTHOLE REGION OF SASKATCHEWAN



#### A PROPOSAL TO CONSERVE CRITICAL WATERFOWL HABITAT

Submitted by Ducks Unlimited Canada, Regina, Saskatchewan and Ducks Unlimited Inc., Ridgeland, Mississippi May 2015



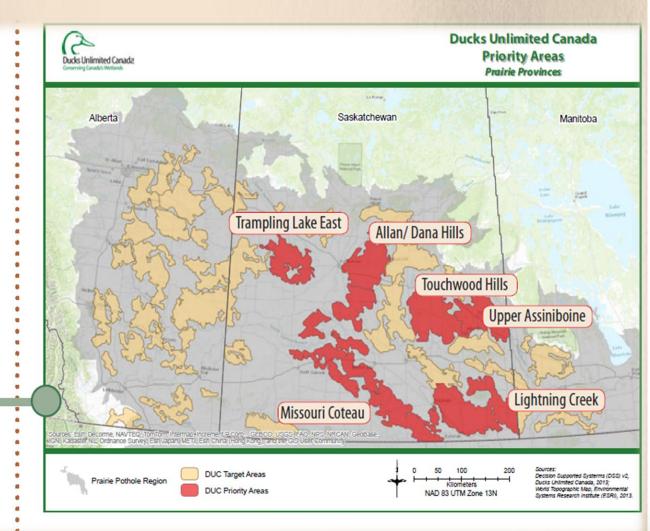




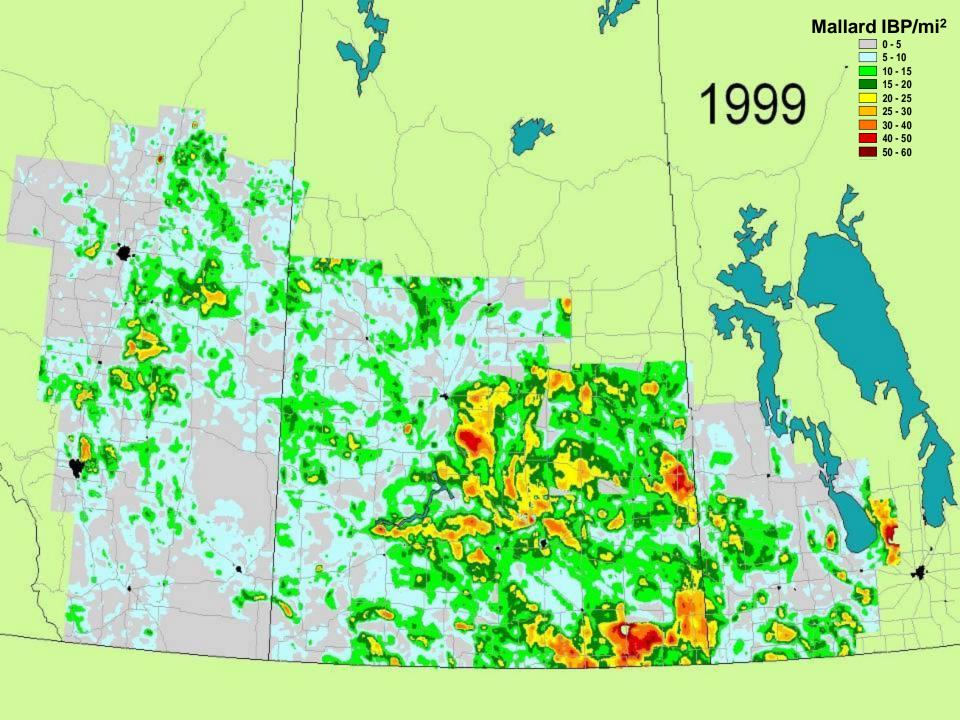


#### WATERFOWL PRIORITY AREAS

The six highest waterfowl priority areas of the PPR of Saskatchewan are the Missouri Coteau, Touchwood Hills, Allan/Dana Hills, Trampling Lake East, Upper Assiniboine and Lightning Creek. Factors considered in identifying these priority areas were wetland density, risk and/or degree of habitat loss, and partnership opportunity.









# WHERE WE WORK

DUC's waterfowl **Decision Support** System (DSS) maps help identify 'hot spots' in which to direct our efforts that will provide the most benefit to waterfowl.





# **Conservation Programs**

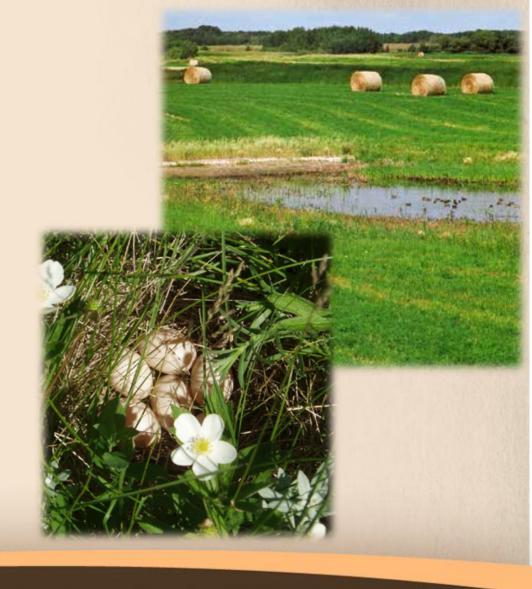
#### **Habitat Retention**

- Conservation Easement
- Land Purchase
- Revolving Land Purchase
- Conservation Agreements



#### **Habitat Restoration**

- Wetland Restoration
- Forage Conversion
- Winter Wheat
- Planted Nesting Cover





## **Habitat Management**

- Water level Manipulation
- Habitat Inspections
- Grass Manipulation
- Structure Repair
- Agreement Compliance





# **Your State Dollars**

**One State Dollar** 

\$

**Matched by DU** 



**Matched by NAWCA** 



**Total Leverage** 





Plus 25% Canadian Partner Support



| Habitat<br>Initiative    | Accomplishments (acres) | Program Costs<br>(\$) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Habitat Retention        | 10,500                  | \$2,760,000           |
| Wetland Restoration      | 200                     | \$205,000             |
| Upland Restoration       | 2,700                   | \$400,000             |
| Habitat Asset Management | 275,000                 | \$535,000             |
| Total                    | 13,400                  | \$3,900,000           |





















North American Waterfowl Management Plan Plan nord-américain de gestion de la sauvagine Plan de Manejo de Aves Acuaticas de Norteamerica



# LDWF funding directed through Ducks Unlimited results in a sound investment for Louisiana Waterfowlers with long-term returns!!!

